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REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending. By this amendment, Claim 1 is amended and claims 2-5 added.

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. The portion of claim 1 referred to in the Office Action is no longer recited in claim 1, and therefore withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claim 2 of US Pat. 6,018,405. It is respectfully submitted that this rejection is inapplicable to claim 1 as amended and new claims 2-5, which recite additional elements not present in the claims of the '405 patent. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

For the above reasons, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt consideration and allowance are solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4232 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are required in connection with this submission. Nonetheless, Applicants authorize payment of any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit of any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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